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Observer status for the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly at the request of China.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 11th and 15th meetings, on 9 and 13 October 2017. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 6 July 2017 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/72/141).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/72/L.8

5. At the 11th meeting, on 9 October, the representative of China, on behalf of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/72/L.8) and announced that Brazil, Eritrea and the

[1] A/C.6/72/SR.11 and A/C.6/72/SR.15.

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Philippines had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Malaysia, Panama and Portugal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 15th meeting, on 13 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/72/L.8 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.